Pharmacy, Meerut and Unani and Co., New Delhi are still supplying sub-standard medicines to C.G.H.S.;

(b) what further steps Government propose to take to check the supply of sub-standard medicines by those firms;

(c) on what dates the samples of medicines supplied by the above firms were collected and tested during 1995;

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons for not testing the medicines this year;-

(e) whether it is a fact that the organolypathi test of quality check is not fool-proof; and

(f) if so, whether Government would ask the C.C.R.U.M. to devise a fool-proof test?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) *(i) Sadar Dawakhana, Delhi:* 7 items received on 27.3.95 were inspected and passed on 30.3.95.

(ii) Ashoka Pharmacy, Meerut: 2 items received on 27.3.95 were inspected and passed on 29.3.95.

(iii) Unani & Co., New Delhi: 8 items received on 27.3.95 were inspected and passed on 29.3.95; and 1 item received on 7.4.95 was inspected and passed on 3.5.95.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) C.C.R.U.M. have developed some other tests for the purpose of standardisation of compound formulations and the drugs can be test-checked based on these parameters also.

Improvng the conditions of public sector units

7302. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a statement by the Chairman of the Standing Conference of Public Sector Enterprises (SCOPE) as reported in 'The Times of India' dated the 13th April, 1995, complaining that Public Sector Undertakings today do not have level playing field;

(b) whether Government would stop customs duty cuts which are destroying many Indian industries; and

(c) if not, whether Government would make a corresponding cut in excise duties to protect their competitiveness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal sent by Uttar Pradesh Government for declaring districts as industrially backward

7303. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any proposal to Government of India for declaring some districts as industrially backward;

(b) if so, the names of the districts identified;

(c) the criteria adopted by Government for declaring a district as industrially backward; and

(d) the facilities provided to such districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHAN SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposals submitted in October, 1994 including the identification of districts and relevant criteria, are under the consideration of the Government.